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Subject: Please stop MS's anticompetitive actions

I understand this site is for comments on the DOJ/MS antitrust action.

Please do not proceed with your current settlement plans with Micro Soft. It appears you have given up your trial victory and are going to let them continue their anti competitive practices. I hope you will re-join the nine states who want MUCH stronger constraints placed on MS activities.

I have been a MS user since the 1980's (yes, I'm that old). I have watched them push producers of complementary software out of business (eg., disk compression), watched them cripple competing software (eg., the competing DOS), watched them use the operating system monopoly to advantage their their middleware (eg., any office product --- Lotus, Word Perfect, etc., etc.), and watched them get away with going around the US Court system's rulings against them (eg., the "browser ruling").

The impact of this that a significant aspect of this country's revolution in information processing is being controlled by one company. The power of competition is almost completely absent. This is NOT what we want for the future. We need many companies competing, especially the smaller ones. In the past, the successful smaller companies have been crushed by Micro Soft; the evidence is that they will continue to do so unless you act to stop them.

PLEASE do not give in to Micro Soft as it appears you are doing. Please help this country regain some competition in the operating system / middleware segment of the economy. PLEASE help stop MicroSoft's predatory, anti competitive behavior.

Thanks for listening.

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